



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**  
**From: Catherine Spaulding, Assistant General Manager**  
**Date: September 11, 2014**  
**Re: Item #5: 2014 THIRA**

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**Staff Recommendation:**

None

**Action or Discussion Items:**

Discussion only

**Discussion:**

The Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (THIRA) is a four step common risk assessment process that helps stakeholders to understand risks and estimate capability requirements. FEMA requires all states, UASIs, and tribal nations to complete a THIRA on an annual basis. Fortunately, this year FEMA has not changed its requirements for completing the THIRA, and it has issued its guidance on the topic earlier, providing stakeholders with more time before the December 31<sup>st</sup> due date.

The Management Team has two focus areas for the 2014 THIRA:

- 1) Updating the draft scenarios to account for climate change-related impacts
- 2) Receiving more stakeholder input through a region-wide consultation workshop

Key Dates:

- Monday September 22 – Management Team distributes updated draft scenarios to Advisory Group and other interested stakeholders
- Thursday October 16 – THIRA consultation workshop
- Thursday November 13 – THIRA presented to the Approval Authority for review

Jason Carroll, Haystax Technology Project Manager, will provide a background briefing on the THIRA and its requirements. Haystax is contracted by Cal OES to support the preparation of all California UASI THIRAs.